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SUBJ: VISIT OF MOROCCAN PRIME MINISTER TO MOSCOW AND
FOREIGN MINISTER TO WASHINGTON-PRESS PLAY

1. SUMMARY. MISSION OF PRIME MINISTER OSMAN TO MOSCOW GIVEN
HEAVY COVERAGE IN MOROCCAN MEDIA, WITH LENGTHY SAME-DAY COVERAGE
OF MOSCOW ARRIVAL DOMINATING TV NEWS MARCH 9. DEPARTURE OF
FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA FOR WASHINGTON REPORTED IN ONE
SENTENCE ITEM BY NATIONAL WIRE SERVICE MAP. END SUMMARY.

2. ARRIVAL OF P.M. AHMED OSMAN IN MOSCOW DOMINATED LOCAL PRESS.
PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS FOR MOST PART RELY ON LENGTHY REPORTS
FROM THEIR CORRESPONDENTS ACCOMPANYING PARTY, EMPHASIZE THAT
COMMERICAL DEALS DUE TO BE SIGNED ARE CHARACTERIZED BY "MUTUAL
INTEREST" WITHOUT OVERTONES OF COLONIALISM OR DOMINATION. TWENTY
MINUTE TELEVISED REPORT MARCH 9 GAVE AMPLE COVERAGE TO KOSYGIN'S
RECEPTION AT MOSCOW AIRPORT. COMMUNIST AL BAYANE GAVE OSMAN
MISSION FAR LESS SPACE THAN DID PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS, GIVING SECOND
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PLACE POSITION ON FRONT PAGE BEHIND ARTICLE ON ITALIAN POLITICAL
EVENTS. USFP'S (SOCIALIST) MUHARRIR RELEGATED NEWS TO BOTTOM OF
PAGE ONE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT HEADLINE.

3. DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA TO U.S. WAS CARRIED
IN ONE-LINE MAP ITEM WHICH REPORTED HE WAS CARRYING "PERSONAL
MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN TO PRESIDENT CARTER." ONLY INFORMATION

MINISTRY'S AL ANBA AND ISTIQLAL (OF WHICH BOUCETTA IS SECRETARY GENERAL) PAPERS L'OPINION AND AL ALAM CARRY IT AS PAGE ONE ITEM - L'OPINION IN LARGER TYPE THAT OSMAN HEAD; PRO-GOVERNMENT AL MAGHREB AND AL MITHAQ RELEGATE TO INSIDE PAGES, WHILE PRO-GOVERNMENT LE MATIN AND SOCIALIST MUHARRIR IGNORED IT ALTOGETHER (VERY POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF EARLIER DEADLINES). RADIO AND TV CARRIED ONE-SENTENCE MAP ANNOUNCEMENT MARCH 8 - ON TV, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELABORATE COVERAGE OF OSMAN MOSCOW ARRIVAL.

4. ISTIQLAL'S L'OPINION GIVES PROMINENT BACK-PAGE PLAY TO AFP QUOTING CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI THAT U.S. TURNED DOWN OVER ONE BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FOREIGN ARMS REQUESTS FROM OVER SIXTY COUNTRIES IN FY'77.MOFFAT

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